

BLOXHAM BUNCH IS BADLY BEATEN

LOST OUT IN THE ATTEMPT TO CARVE UP MARION AND LEVY

PRECINCTS IN NORTHWEST MARION VOTED SOLIDLY TO STAY WITH THEIR OLD-HOME PEOPLE

Following was the vote in the county division election of Tuesday, in Northwest Marion and East Levy counties:

	Against Division	For Division
MARION PRECINCTS		
Blitchton	73	3
Flemington	72	63
Geiger	60	6
Fairfield	12	4
Cotton Plant	63	2
Romeo	20	5

LEVY PRECINCTS		
Williston	23	210
Raleigh	3	76
Montbrook	53	16
Morrison	57	16
Inglis	12	14
Lebanon	12	14
Gulf Hammock, not heard from.		

The vote shows that there never has been any demand for a new county outside of Williston and immediate vicinity. Northwest Marion, the wrongs of whose people were so tearfully held up before the legislature, and which Williston fondly believed was a hotbed of secession, voted against division almost en masse. Every Marion precinct voted to stay at home, and in only one—Flemington—did the divisionists make even a showing. Blitchton, Cotton Plant and Geiger will have to draw straws to decide which shall have the blue ribbon for loyalty. Romeo and Fairfield did mighty well, and even Flemington gave old Marion a vote she can be proud of.

Over in Levy, Montbrook and Morrison showed that they are safe and sane communities, with no desire to be shoved off into pocket-size counties. The people of Lebanon and Port Inglis, for whom Williston shed so many crocodile tears, seem like Bronson suits them as well or maybe better for a county seat, as Williston.

STAR BORE THE STANDARD

The Star is proud of the victory, because from the first it made the fight its own, and never let up until it was won. The Star could fight county division with a good conscience. It had been aware for years that the people of Northwest Marion had grievances, and it had repeatedly rebuked the remainder of the county for its indifference. So when the campaign began, the people of the northwest knew the Star was no eleventh-hour friend. It has many readers in that section, some of whom have been taking the weekly ever since it was started over eighteen years ago. And all thru the campaign it has had constant evidence that the people appreciated the stand it took. Before the fight was a month old, it knew a majority of the people of the northwest were going to stand by old Marion.

The Star has also many long-time friends in Levy, particularly in Montbrook and Morrison. It was tolerably sure those communities would prove sheet-anchors of sanity, and the result shows its forecast was correct.

SETTLED FOR KEEPS

The Star is glad the fight is over; it is also glad it has been made. It has settled the question for keeps. In the face of Tuesday's vote, it will be a long time before any bunch of self-seeking politicians will go before the legislature with an attempt to cut off one of the best sections of Marion county.

Marion is one of the best and biggest counties in the state. It needn't be any bigger, but we must keep it one of the best. Now we have decided to stay together, let us work together for the common good.

THE OLIVE BRANCH

Williston has caused a lot of trouble and hasn't been very scrupulous, but we can afford to be generous. She has our best wishes as a neighbor, and we know that the county seat industry is not the only one which her enterprising people can develop. Here's hoping for her the best of good fortune.

LIGHT AND WATER PLANT LOCATIONS

Paper Presented by President Meffert to the Citizens' Mass Meeting Monday Night

In Saturday morning's issue the Banner comments in its enthusiastic manner on the location of the light and water plant near the Taylor Pond, on the city's lot of 14 acres.

The Banner says that lot was purchased several years ago for this purpose. That may all be true, but it should not be sufficient reason that it is at all suitable. I know of one gentleman who served on the council when the property was purchased who has changed his views, although it would be of great benefit to him if the plant was located on this property, as it would enhance the value of adjoining property which he owns. He gave good reasons why he did not favor the location. If inquiry were made there might be other councilmen who changed their opinion. As to room for expansion for other municipal owned utilities, perhaps an ice plant and gas factory, a beautiful park and swimming pool; a fine picture, I can almost see people swimming in the pool now—ideal for recreation—Taylor Pond, to where drainage from greatest part of the city continues to flow.

While the purchase of this property from which Ocala expects to draw her water supply, for which it is absolutely unsuitable, it is of great value otherwise.

First; for its lime and flint rock, as there is a great supply of this material exposed to plain view of which the city is in great need, being located conveniently, it will save the city hundreds of dollars every year. Of course, there should be an electric driven crusher plant installed in order to prepare the material in a suitable condition for all purposes.

Second; it is valuable as a dumping grounds for the city. Everything imaginable has been dumped in there for many years, and this is a great saving for the city, owing to the short haul of garbage. All the drainage from the eastern part of the city, from South Second street to the Atlantic Coast Line, from the public square to the Seaboard Air Line, the volume of water and solid matter that eventually finds its way into this pond, can only be appreciated by any eye witness during and right after a heavy rain. The water after seeping through the garbage and everything imaginable finds its way through the big sink into subterranean channels, possibly to the drinking water from which the city would draw its supply if the plant is located on the property. It might not, who knows?

Third; on this property are now located the city stables, city pound will also be located there, then there might be also room for a gas plant. For all

MENDENHALL TO BE TRIED FOR MURDER

WAS INDICTED BY PINELLAS
GRAND JURY FOR KILLING
TWO WOMEN

(Associated Press)
Clearwater, Fla., Sept. 15.—J. J. Mendenhall, a prominent business man, was indicted today for the murder of Mrs. Bessie Eliot and daughter Susie, on the road near here July 2nd last. The partially charred bodies were found under a burning automobile. Mendenhall is said to have hired the car to take them riding. Buy Temple, the chauffeur, said Mendenhall struck one woman and fired at him.

these things the property is highly recommended, but not for water.

As to the difference in cost of pumping water, it is slight, and where health is considered, should not be mentioned. Col. Rogers cited the Jacksonville water works, having been located in a dingy, swampy morass. No one who was familiar with Jacksonville thirty years ago will deny this, but the conditions were entirely different to those existing in Ocala. Jacksonville had no Taylor Pond, neither sink holes into which her surface water flowed to endanger the health of her population, but that dingy little creek and the great St. Johns river are her natural receptacles.

"The advantages," says the Banner, "at the proposed location are many" and cites Mrs. Bittinger's remarks before the city council. This good lady was most sincere in what she had to say, and if the new proposed plant was intended to be placed on the same spot, with all such noisy machinery and great exhaust pipes as the old water company had, unsightly coal bins, etc., as a whole a very unattractive place, I would not blame Mrs. Bittinger and the whole neighborhood for lodging serious complaint. It is planned that the new works will be erected on the southwest corner of the block, near the Coast Line. The machinery will be practically noiseless and the building fire proof.

The Converse mill should be condemned, yet the danger of fire is nothing to what it has been. No steam is being used anymore, but all machines are electrically driven. The three residents on the lot, two will remain, and the small cottage will either be sold or removed. These are all the disadvantages cited by the Banner.

Now let us turn to the advantages. First; we have one splendid well that is supplying the city with the best pure water, 385 gallons per minute and valued at \$2000. Settling tank, all connections and buildings \$3000. Shallow well of soft water to feed boilers that does not scale the tubes, which is very valuable. Only men familiar with steam boilers can appreciate this valuable asset.

Second; the water tower lot can be sold for several thousand dollars, as the new tower will be located on the present site of the water works. A saving on side tracks and right-of-way, probably \$3000, and several other things I could mention, but if any one cares to spend the time Mr. Campbell, our superintendent, will be glad to answer any question.

From what I can learn the greatest majority of the people will favor the present location, and in my judgment, removing the water plant to Taylor Pond, is the biggest fool legislation that has been enacted by any city council of Ocala in many years.

Attached clipping is from the Manufacturer's Record showing a four hundred thousand dollar plant, building is 138 x 84 feet.

The proposed building for Ocala is only 70 x 80 feet, therefore, we would have ample room on this lot to install a four hundred thousand dollar plant and still have room to spare.

Mr. Christian says he will complete the new well, as he found a party who agrees to clear the well of the present obstruction at a cost not to exceed \$60. So this well will have to be paid for and when connected will cost the city two thousand dollars, and will furnish 900 gallons per minute.

J. M. Meffert.

Ocala, Fla., Sept. 13, 1915.

DUVAL SENT CONDOLENCE

Mr. L. W. Duval last night sent the following telegram to Forrest Lake, daddy of the Bloxham county bill:

Hon. Forrest Lake, "Father of Bloxham," Sanford, Fla.:
Under the willows we laid little Bloxham today. My sympathy. Have Hester and Willis send you your watch.
L. W. Duval.

MIDDLE OF NEXT MAY

WILL SEE OCALA'S NEW SEWERAGE SYSTEM AT WORK

Jacksonville Firm by an Exceptionally Low Bid for the Contract has Secured the Job

The firm of Bryan & Co. of Jacksonville, on a bid of \$66,740.35, has secured the contract to put in the new sewerage system for Ocala. The work is to begin at once and is to be finished in 240 days, which will be the middle of next May.

The bids of the different firms were as follows:

G. M. Ensign, Inc., Harrisburg, Pa.	\$104,743.41
J. F. Morgan Contracting Co., Attalla, Ala.	81,227.57
J. B. Sheets, Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.	85,668.30
Sullivan, Long & Hogarty, Bessemer, Ala.	74,547.50
Independent Construction Co., Terrehaute, Ind.	87,164.16
Petersburg, Fla.	99,023.60
Mishler & Flynn, Chattanooga, Tenn.	92,825.39
Guild & Co., Chattanooga, Tenn.	91,259.25
H. W. Tucker, Ocala.	83,894.60
Bryan & Co., Jacksonville.	66,740.35
W. J. Erwin & Son, Greenville, Ohio	86,822.90
Whaley & Edwards, Milan, Mich.	109,293.04
Duval & Ashworth, Miami	93,960.33
Bids of G. W. Ensign, Stamm & Son, Whaley & Edwards and Duval & Ashworth were incomplete. All other bids were complete and according to contract.	

The bid of the Jacksonville firm was so low that it surprised everybody, and some expressed themselves as being afraid that it was too low for good work.

Messrs. R. L. West and J. C. Cook of the McCrary Co., however, called at the Star office today and informed the Star that there need be no doubt that the contract will be well carried out.

Mr. Cook says he would rather the bid had been higher, as the less the bid, the less commission his firm would receive. He says, however, that Bryan & Co. have been at work in Florida for twenty years and have most successfully carried out many large contracts in this and other states. They are familiar with local conditions and if they lose on this bid, they will carry out their contract, just the same.

Mr. Cook says that in a few days the McCrary Company will have one of its most competent men here, and from that time on the work will be carefully and rapidly carried out, and that Ocala may count on its sewerage system being in good working order in 240 days from today.

EUREKA

Eureka, Sept. 14.—Judging from the dilapidated condition of the bridge over Mill creek, on the Orange Springs and Eureka road, our commissioners are probably waiting for some serious accident to occur to life, limb or property before they attempt to make the necessary repairs, and insure safety. Already one horse has had a narrow escape from having both forelegs broken. Why not repair the bridge and prevent a more serious damage with the result of a suit for damages against the county that would amount to twice, probably three times the actual cost of such a bridge. Substantially built.

Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Hinson were the guests of Mrs. Hinson's parents, Judge and Mrs. Smith, at Kenwood for a few days last week.

Mr. F. M. Harp and Dr. G. B. Parramore were Ocala visitors one-day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Brinson, of Marshville, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Hinson Sunday.

Miss Oldia Hinson is visiting friends and relatives at Bay Lake for a few weeks.

Mr. J. N. Brinson had the misfortune to lose another of his horses on Saturday last. This makes two good animals he has lost this summer. It is indeed a very unfortunate thing and we sympathize with him greatly in his loss.

Services will be conducted next Sunday by Rev. Bryant, of Trilby. Every body is invited to attend. Morning service will be held at 11 o'clock and the evening service at 7:30 o'clock.

Those cakes made at Carter's Bakery under the name "DELICIOUS" are everything that the name indicates. Six flavors made fresh every day and put up in 10c packages. Accept no other.

FIGHT AMONG THE FINANCIERS

AUSTRO-GERMAN AGENTS TRYING TO PREVENT AN AMERICAN LOAN TO THE ALLIES

(Associated Press)

New York, Sept. 15.—The Anglo-French financial commissioners today heard that German agents, alarmed by the momentum being gained by the billion dollar loan proposition, had instituted a countryside campaign against it. Some of these agents, the commissioners heard, were men active in spreading the German propaganda when Dr. Dernberg was in the country.

One proposal is to attempt to float half a million dollar German loan, to make it difficult or impossible to make the Allies' loan. The United States, it is believed, could not handle two such loans. Another threat is of heavy withdrawals from any bank participating.

The campaign to persuade bankers from not participating in an allied loan is symmetized to a remarkable degree. A flood of protests is coming into the New York banks.

MORE MEDDLING

Austro-German Sympathizers Expect Wilson to Interfere with Loan to Allies

(Associated Press)

Washington, Sept. 15.—Several telegrams from various parts of the country, protesting against the proposed Anglo-French loan have been received at the White House, and two communications criticising the plan. As far as has been made public, the government has received no protest from Germany.

MEETING OF THE CONFEDERATE VETERANS

OF FLORIDA WILL BE HELD IN
OCALA OCT. 27, 28, 29

The dates for the meeting of the Confederate Veterans of Florida in Ocala will be Oct. 27-28-29. It is time for our citizens to get together and make preparations for a grand reception for these brave old men.

"DRY IT LIES"

PALMETTO STATE CAST HEAVY
VOTE FOR PROHIBITION

(Associated Press)

Columbia, S. C., Sept. 15.—Returns from all the forty-four counties of South Carolina, some of them incomplete, give a majority of nearly 20,000 for state-wide prohibition. The vote, as tabulated early this morning, stands: For prohibition 33,483, against prohibition 14,341. Only small county precincts are missing.

GOOD WORK IN ST. LUCIE

Secretary Rooney has received the following testimony to Mrs. Moorehead's good work on the East Coast: Fort Pierce, Fla., Sept. 9, 1915.

Dear Sir: I want to assure you that I more than appreciate having Mrs. Moorehead visit us and make experiments with pineapple and by this time you probably know what wonderful success we had from Mrs. Moorehead herself.

Mrs. Moorehead is a wonderful woman and I wish that we might have her permanently in our county for a leader in the same kind of work.

Our county commissioners last month made an appropriation for a county demonstration agent of \$1800 beside \$1000 for canker investigation so it is not policy to ask for a canning club reader yet, but Mrs. Moorehead's visit and demonstration to some of our people will bear good fruit and no doubt next year we will have canning clubs started here, thanks to Marion county's progressiveness and Mrs. Moorehead's generosity in spending her vacation in St. Lucie county.

R. L. Goodwin,
Secretary Board of Trade.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

The quarterly conference will be held by Rev. F. R. Bridges, presiding elder, next Wednesday evening, Sept. 15th, instead of Tuesday evening, the 14th.

AUSTRO-GERMAN DRIVE IS ALMOST OVER

PROGRESS IN THE EAST HAS BEEN CUT FROM FIVE MILES TO ONE A DAY

(Associated Press)

London, Sept. 15.—Although Hindenberg's cavalry is astride the Petrograd railway and the Germans have made large captures of prisoners and guns in Courland, the Russians are again countering these efforts, not only by checking the attempts of Austrians to resume the offensive in Galicia, but by inflicting another reverse on the Austro-German forces in the same vicinity.

Sviatsian, where the German cavalry has cut the railroad, is half way between Vilna and Dvinsk, and about 400 miles from Petrograd. The Russians assert this raid has formed a dangerous salient in the Russian line of which the Germans are likely to take advantage. Its clear, whatever strategic move may be involved in advance, that recent events indicate the near approach of an important engagement in the Vilna region predicted a fortnight ago by General Polivanoff, minister of war. The German armies operating on both sides of the Neimen have not yet formed a junction and the Russian rear guard is still withdrawing.

Russian military writers are warning the people not to expect too much from recent Galician successes.

KITCHENER'S COMMENT

London, Sept. 15.—"The Germans appear almost to have shot their bolt," Earl Kitchener said today. "Their advance in Russia, which at one time averaged five miles a day, is now diminished to less than a mile a day."

WACAHOOOTA

Wacahoota, Sept. 9.—September came in cool and pleasant and we can already note the signs of autumn approaching by the sighing of the pines.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Curry and their daughter, Thelma, were visitors to the University city Wednesday.

Messrs. Retis and Cedrick Smith attended the Modern Woodmen meeting at Micanopy Friday night.

Mrs. R. P. Smith left last Thursday for Pablo Beach, where she will recuperate for the next ten days.

Mr. V. P. Smith was a week end visitor to his daughter, Mrs. W. J. Edwards, of Ocala, going over to take his little grandson, William Edwards back home.

Mrs. M. R. Beck and Miss Rosalie Smith and Miss Loleta Rawls, of Montbrook, returned from an extended trip to Pablo Beach, Jacksonville, and Palatka. They all report a fine time.

Miss Thelma Smith left Saturday for Williston, where she will teach in the high school this week, while one of the assistant teachers takes the county examinations.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Mixson, Dr. C. G. Mixon, wife and daughter, of Gainesville, motored over Sunday afternoon and were guests of friends here. They brought Miss Thelma Curry home from a few days visit to friends in Gainesville.

Rev. George Henderson, of Williston filled his regular appointment here Sunday evening.

Mrs. J. M. Smith and son, Pierce, left today for a visit to Mr. L. Beck, of Fellowship.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Mathews, of Tacoma, were guests to dinner of Mrs. V. P. Smith last Wednesday.

We have been reading closely the pros and cons of Bloxham county in the Star and Courier, and we are afraid if Mr. Benjamin waits until some one tells him they have heard any of the Willistonites tell anybody that the story of Marion county being bonded to build a road to Silver Springs was started by an irresponsible person it will be after the election. For we can truly say they have talked for hours trying to make people, who knew better, believe it was true.

We also note that the Courier never prints any matter in favor of Marion county. But no doubt they are afraid for their Bloxhamites to read any thing against it for fear they would at once see the falsity of their arguments and change and be staunch supporters of Marion county.

We have a few of the famous Shu-nate and Chase razors which we will sell below cost price to close out. The Court Pharmacy.

TAKING THEIR TIME

DEFINITE ANSWER FROM GERMAN ON ARABIC NOT EXPECTED FOR TEN DAYS

(Associated Press)

Washington, Sept. 15.—Commenting on Germany's disclaimer that the Hesperian was torpedoed, it is said the United States did not have enough evidence on the case to make representations to Germany.

Diplomatic negotiations in the Arabic case are lull. The German ambassador left for his summer home at Cedartown, L. I., today. Germany is not expected to reply for a week or ten days.

WORSE AND WORSE

SITUATION ALONG THE BORDER BECOMES MORE AND MORE STRAINED

(Associated Press)

San Benito, Texas, Sept. 15.—The day the Mexicans begin the celebration of the anniversary of independence in Mexico was ushered in with disturbed conditions here and firing into Simon, a town near Laredo. Reports that Mexicans would attack this town caused a heavy patrol of soldiers to be sent here. If the attack was intended the Mexicans changed their plans, probably because of the soldiers. Cavalry and infantry are to remain several days, however. Patrols all along the border have been strengthened and a sharp watch is being kept.

EXTRA PRECAUTIONS

Phoenix, Sept. 15.—Reports that Mexicans might try to liberate their countrymen from the penitentiary at Florence tomorrow caused the officials in charge to take extra precautions and send soldiers to guard against a threatened outbreak at Tucson.

PICNIC AT PINE

On Saturday September 11, the good people of Pine, and surrounding vicinity, enjoyed an all day picnic. The day was ideal and everything passed off most pleasantly. J. D. Rooney, of Ocala, was master of ceremonies.

The first thing on the program was instrumental music, with Mrs. Carlton at the piano, Mr. Kepfinger, violinist and Mrs. Ben Grantham with the bango. The music was excellent and added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. Some of the grand old songs were most beautifully rendered.

The whole picnic was a treat from the owner of the big grove there, Mr. John Kendig. Everything was free to the crowd, even the iced tea, and delicious ice cold lemonade, both of which were prepared in quantities, for the day was hot and the crowd thirsty.

One very enjoyable number on the program was a selection by Miss Isabelle Burton of Sparr. This was entitled "Uncle Mose's Country Eggs" and was greatly enjoyed.

Mr. Jack McCully made an interesting talk on different phases of agriculture. He says he now has 125 boys in the Marion County Corn Club. In 1914 he vaccinated 1085 hogs with cholera serum and nearly all of them lived.

"Abide with Me," was beautifully sung and was acted as a pantomime by four young ladies.

Mr. Wilson, and Prof. Collison, of Gainesville, who explained about the scientific application of fertilizer and Mr. C. K. McQuarrie, who told about the practical side of the fertilizer question made up a full day which no doubt proved both interesting and profitable to the farmers who were very attentive.

Several people from Ocala enjoyed the picnic with the rest.

Have you tried those delicious Max-lux cherries? 50 cents per pound, at Gerig's.